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Appl. No. : 09/841,664
Applicant : Goldman, et al.
Filed : April 23, 2001
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING ENERGY TO
BIOLOGICAL TISSUE INCLUDING THE USE OF
TUMESCENT TISSUE COMPRESSION

Docket No. : VNUS-57470

Customer No. : 24201

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a refund under 37 C.F.R. § 1.26 in the amount of \$160.00 for the Extension Fee (2252) mistakenly charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 on February 28, 2005 (Posting Ref Txt No. 09841664).

Applicant mailed a response on February 1, 2005 (with a certificate of mailing for that date) to a final Office action mailed on October 1, 2004, together with a request for a one-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$60.00. Copies of the final Office action of October 1, 2004, and the response of February 1, 2005, are attached

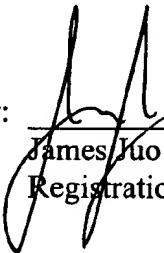
hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that a two-month extension of time was not necessary, and that the Extension Fee (2252) was mistakenly charged to our Deposit Account.

Authorization is hereby provided to credit our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

If there are any comments or questions regarding any of the foregoing, kindly telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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09/841,664	04/23/2001	Mitchel P. Goldman	VNUS-57470	6850
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

FINAL REJECTION

2-MONTH RESPONSE DUE: December 1, 2004
3-MONTH RESPONSE DUE: January 3, 2005
NOTICE OF APPEAL DUE:
(6-MONTH PERIOD ENDS) April 1, 2005

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/841,664	GOLDMAN ET AL.
	Examiner Rosiland S Rollins	Art Unit 3739

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM
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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 40-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 40-51 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 52 and 53 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 54-56 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 52 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards (US 5505730). Edwards discloses a catheter (14) having an energy application device (12) that is expandable and sized for insertion into a vein, and a fluid delivery vessel (60).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 40-51 are allowed.

Claims 54-56 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

Notice of References Cited		Application/Control No.	Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination	
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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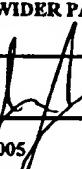
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for FY 2005** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**\$60.00****Complete if Known**

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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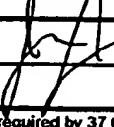
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Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING ENERGY TO BIOLOGICAL TISSUE INCLUDING THE USE OF TUMESCENT TISSUE COMPRESSION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office action mailed on October 1, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed on January 18, 2005. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. A request for a one-month extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith.

The listing of claims start on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks start on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-39 have been cancelled.

Claim 40. (original) A kit for treating varicose veins, comprising:
a catheter sized for insertion into a vein, the vein having an inner wall, the catheter having an energy application device that is expandable into apposition with the inner wall of the vein;
a medical tumescent fluid which when applied to tissue, causes tumescence of the tissue; and
a fluid delivery vessel capable of delivering a sufficient amount of the tumescent fluid into the tissue surrounding the vein to cause the tissue to reach a tumescent state and thereby compress the vein.

Claim 41. (original) The kit of claim 40 wherein the fluid delivery vessel is capable of delivering a sufficient amount of the solution into the tissue surrounding the vein so as to cause the tissue to reach a tumescent state to exsanguinate the vein of blood.

Claim 42. (previously presented) The kit of claim 40 further comprising a flushing fluid selected from the group consisting of:

- saline;
- vasoconstrictive agent;
- sclerosing agent;
- high impedance fluid; and
- heparin.

Claim 43. (original) The kit of claim 40 wherein the tumescent fluid comprises an anesthetic.

Claim 44. (original) The kit of claim 40 wherein the tumescent fluid comprises an anesthetic and a vasoconstrictive drug.

Claim 45. (previously presented) An apparatus for applying energy from a power source to a hollow anatomical structure, the power source being responsive to temperature signals to control the level of power, the apparatus comprising:
a catheter having a working end and a lumen configured for fluid delivery;
a first plurality of expandable leads disposed at the working end and a second plurality of expandable leads separately disposed at the working end longitudinally away from the first plurality of expandable leads, wherein the leads are formed and mounted to the catheter such that when in an unconfined configuration, the leads have sufficient

strength to move themselves outward into non-penetrating apposition with the inner wall, and further, the leads are formed and mounted to the catheter such that they do not have sufficient strength to prevent the reduction of the diameter of the inner wall wherein as the inner wall reduces, the leads remain in non-penetrating apposition with the inner wall and move inward with it, the leads also having a distal portion with an uninsulated distal tip, each lead electrically connected to the power source; and

a plurality of temperature sensors located at the leads, the sensors providing temperature signals representative of the temperature sensed at the leads by each sensor; wherein the expandable leads are configured so as to permit the catheter to be moved in the hollow anatomical structure at the same time that the leads are applying energy to the hollow anatomical structure.

Claim 46. (original) The apparatus of claim 45 further comprising means for averaging the temperature signals to provide an averaged temperature signal;

Claim 47. (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein leads of the sensors are interconnected such that the temperature signals are averaged.

Claim 48. (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein the expandable leads are staggered in a longitudinal direction.

Claim 49. (original) The apparatus of claim 48 further comprising means for averaging the temperature signals.

Claim 50. (original) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein leads of the sensors are interconnected such that the temperature signals are averaged.

Claim 51. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 45, further comprising a single electrode lead disposed forward of the first plurality of expandable leads and the second plurality of expandable leads.

Claim 52-56 have been canceled.

REMARKS

In the final Office action mailed on October 1, 2004, claims 40-51 were allowed. Claims 52 and 53, however, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards (U.S. Patent No. 5,505,730). Claims 54-56 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected claim 52, but are considered to be otherwise allowable.

By the present Amendment, claims 52-56 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 40-51 remain pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and requests favorable reconsideration.

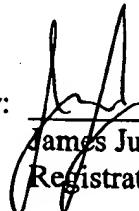
CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application at an early date. Should any question arise, kindly contact the undersigned.

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Docket No.
 VNUS-57470

In Re Application Of: Mitchel P. Goldman, et al.

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09/841,664	4/23/2001	Rosiland Rollins	24201	3739	6850

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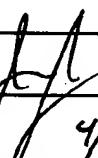
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